

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Meredith Goode, 2000
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Goode is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Meredith has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Meredith Goode has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while maintaining a rigorous extracurricular schedule that includes participation in FHA, the Math Club, the Art Club, the Interact Club, the Teen Board, and the Sevierian Annual staff; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Ms. Goode has rendered admirable service as Class Secretary for the past three years, a member of Student Council, the Sevierville Teen Board

Treasurer, a Sevierville Teen Board Junior Representative, and as a Volunteer Girls' State delegate; she has also participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference and has been awarded the Rotary Youth Outstanding Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Meredith Goode is a valued member of her high school's golf team; she was a Vince Gill Tennessee PGA Junior Tour member; attended the Tennessee Junior Golf Academy; and volunteered at the Eagle's Landing Junior Golf Clinic, the Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament, and the 1999 Vince Gill Pro-Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Meredith has won numerous awards for her superior golfing skills, including the SCHS Golf Team Smoky Bear Award during all four years of high school. She has also played well in many golf tournaments; she led her team to victories in the SCHS Golf Regional Tournament, the Morristown Invitational Golf Tournament, and the SCHS District Golf Tournament, and a fifth place finish in the SCHS Golf State Tournament; she captured sixth place individually in the Morristown Invitational Golf Tournament and received a medal in the Tennessee PGA Junior Tour Event; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Goode has also enjoyed playing Senior League Softball and served as the manager-statistician for the SCHS Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls' Basketball Teams; and

WHEREAS, because of her academic excellence, Meredith has been the recipient of numerous academic awards, has been listed among *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, and the Academic Club; and

WHEREAS, her fellow classmates have evidenced their respect and admiration for Meredith by nominating her for Miss SCHS, Best All-Around, and Most Intellectual honors and electing her as Most Likely to Succeed in the senior superlatives; she was also named Superior Sevierian; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Goode's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Ms. Goode faithfully worships the Lord as a member of the First Baptist Church and is an active participant in Young Life and Youth Alive; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual who is always eager to lend a helping hand, Meredith is a member of the Citizens National Bank Student Advisory Board; she has participated in the West Pong Friends of the Smokies River Clean-up and the Youth Empowerment Summit, has volunteered at Homecoming and at the Knee-Knockers Basketball Camp, has served as an usherette for the 1998 and 1999 graduations and as a career intern at Marketing and Consulting Services; she was the main speaker and narrator of the 1999 Smoky Salutes County Veterans Day program; and

WHEREAS, Meredith's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, David and Margaret Goode, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Goode's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Ms. Meredith Goode, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.